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Builders to plow Songhees burial

by Sean Simmons

If a local developer has its way, rare native plants and Songhees burial cairns will become just another area bulldozed for Victoria's burgeoning urban sprawl - but residents are fighting back.

The developers, their first attempt rejected, are making another proposal to the municipality of Saanich to have their property in Gordon Head's Glencoe Cove rezoned.

Stanrick Group Inc. has revised plans to include 114 new homes and 3.1 acres of land set aside for a natural preserve.

Dr. Kedy of the B.C. Museum has studied the cairns and shell midden, estimated to date back 300 to 1000 years. If development occurs, Kedy said the integrity of the cairns is likely to be lost "because houses in the immediate area will heavily disturb the site just through normal activities."

A study of the rare plants by the curator of botany at the B.C. Museum outlines 17 rare and endangered species - like local Macoun meadow-foam - all located near the shoreline.

In November 1987, the Corporation of the District of Saanich held a referendum to designate funds for new parks. It passed, and \$6.9 million was set aside to save places like Glencoe Cove.

But the developers want the waterfront property because it is the most valuable. They put up a fence shortly after the referendum to assert their ownership.

The land the developers left for



This rock is not an ecosystem - but it's all developers Stanrick Group are willing to preserve of their Gordon Head property.

a preserve does not include the rare plants or the shell midden.

The first of two areas they are giving to the municipality is a rock; although a very nice rock it does not possess any of the important qualities outlined for the park.

The other area is a small buffer zone between the existing homes and the proposed development. It is entangled with vines and like the rock, does not contain any crucial areas.

In a bid to win community favor, the developer has been contacting neighbours of the property

and has held meetings for them to voice their concerns. The developer said the park area would cost about \$10 million, but they will freely donate about 3 acres of the land as a natural preserve if they are allowed to develop the land.

Deborah Sandborn, a local resident, said, "It does not preserve the natural flora and aesthetic value of the property."

The compromise offered by Stanrick Group is unacceptable, she said, "I would like to see it remain as an open greenspace, accessible to everyone, and not

just for a privileged few."

These differing interests are forcing people like Sandborn to sacrifice their time to the cause.

She said, "It is so difficult to mobilize public support, its really a David and Goliath situation."

Gerald Walter, an economics professor at UVic and a resident of the area, said, "Urban planning has become privatized in the sense that developers take the lead. They initiate action with only the public to respond, which is very costly to these individuals."

"Consequently municipalities

take up the role of referee between profit-oriented developers and the public." This type of urban planning is "corrosive to sound development."

Victoria already has the most houses per square kilometre of any community in B.C. This unchecked urban growth in Victoria has spurred Alex Peden, a biologist and resident of Glencoe Cove, to take action.

Last summer he took an informal survey because he "wanted an information base."

He discovered less than 10 per cent of the people visiting Glencoe Cove were from the immediate area. The other 90 per cent came from all over the city to enjoy the shoreline meadow.

Peden hopes the survey will show Saanich council this area is not a private reserve for people with money, but for the whole community.

He said the buffer zone offered by the developer is "not as significant as the park area. It is just a trade-off, we are not saving anything."

"What is going to be left for our kids?" asked Sandborn, cradling her baby under her arm.

The proposed development would eliminate the rare plants and cultural treasures of Glencoe Cove forever.

She said development should "serve the interest of the greater community instead of the private interests of the developer."

Debra Sandborn can be reached at 721-0169.□

TAs gather support for union

by Andrew MacLeod

A group of graduate students at UVic are organizing with the Canadian Union of Public Employees to form a union of teaching assistants.

"We want what everybody else wants in the workplace," said Bob Beck, one of the organizers. He said equity, basic security, and a guarantee of fair treatment of TAs are priorities.

"Anyone who is doing any academic or instructional work, part time or on a temporary basis, is welcome to join," said Beck.

He said the organizers estimate at least 700 workers on campus are eligible. Currently there are no campus-wide standards for treatment of graduate students by individual faculties.

Beck said at most Canadian universities TAs are already unionized.

"What's unique is that they aren't organized here," said Mike Dumler, the local representative of CUPE's national staff. He said TAs at most other B.C. schools are unionized including SFU, UBC, and most B.C. colleges.

"I would think the biggest issue is going to be standardizing the policies and procedures," said Dumler. "The only way enforceable regulations can be obtained is through a union."

"What will happen with a collective agreement is things will become operationally oriented, rather than per-

sonality dictated [within each faculty]," he said.

It will also serve "to give people a sense of more fairness and integrity in the process [of negotiations]," he said.

Dumler said CUPE, with locals already on campus, is helping with organizational and technical expertise - such as translating union information into Cantonese.

Some people like the way the system works now, with individual departments being able to treat TAs how they want.

"Flexibility is hard to build into a union contract," said Neville Winchester, a past Grad Students' Society president and a part time senior biology lab instructor.

"There could be some good things, but the rigid structure will take away the flavour of teaching," he said, citing controls on hours people are allowed to work. He also said nobody is forcing graduate students to teach.

"There may be some little problems right now, but there aren't enough problems to make me want to unionize."

Information circulated by the union organizers said the current system works well for some students in some departments, some of the time; but it's the rest they're concerned about.

Recently appointed Dean of Graduate Studies, Gordana Lazarevich, said of a TA union: "I don't think it will be a good idea."

She said she is organizing a Graduate Student Affairs

Board to deal with TA concerns like funding, lack of training, and job security. The board would have "key people" but only one student representative: the president of the GSS.

"I want to make sure these issues are addressed squarely," said Lazarevich.

She said a union would not be able to do it as flexibly as if they were acting under the umbrella of the faculty of graduate studies.

However, she said she didn't see any reason why a union and board can't work at the same time.

"My main concern is to help the graduate students as much as I possibly can," she said.

Vice President Academic, Sam Scully, said, "In some contexts it [a union] is probably a good thing for graduate students to do that, in other contexts it's not."

He added, "[Grad student's teaching] can be exploitive. There are universities where it has become exploitive."

He said UVic has avoided this by not overloading graduate students, who should primarily be concerned with their own studies.

However, Beck said grad students are exploited: "We are a source of cheap labour, and the University has been living in a fool's paradise because of this."

The Grad Students' Society passed a motion of support in principle at a recent meeting.□

Speaker says NAFTA controls politics

by Andrew MacLeod

Frank Tester will bring his fight the power politics across the strait from UBC for a lecture in UVic's David Lam auditorium on Nov. 30.

Tester will be lecturing on global free trade - specifically the NAFTA agreement.

He said we are getting into "a system where transnationals can move across national boundaries as if they weren't there." This is bad "because if you don't have tariff and non-tariff barriers [the government] can't set national policies.

"Global free trade basically turns the responsibility of policy

making over to transnationals," he said.

"[It] encourages us to exploit the hell out of our resources, and ship them off to the U.S.

"[Students] should probably ask themselves if they want a country, and if they do they should look seriously at this sort of thing."

He said decisions made by committees behind closed doors, like the Free Trade and NAFTA agreements, are undemocratic. These are decisions with more important effects than the recent Constitutional agreement.

tooth fairy.

"[NAFTA] is being flogged as a green deal, but it's not. It's black."

He said talk about sustainable development is nothing more than window dressing.

"They are acting in the limitations of their own world view," Tester said of the Canadian government. They are playing out the fantasies of right wing business, which are not representative, or good for most of the country.

"I think we have to use our heads and think about things."

Tester is a professor of Social and International Development in the School of Social Work at UBC.

He is being brought to UVic by the World Federalists of Canada and the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group.□

Bursary for jocks only raises campus eyebrows

by Andrew MacLeod

A new UVic bursary is limited to people who dribble, and put balls through hoops.

The terms of reference for the Walter and Charlotte Yeaman Bursary are: "Two bursaries of up to \$500 each are awarded to 2nd, 3rd or 4th year students who have participated in the varsity basketball program."

The bursary was approved by the Board of Governors Nov. 16, after being passed by the Senate.

"Bursaries, you have to understand, don't have academics tied into them," said Mary Anne Waldron, chair of the Senate Committee on Awards. "They are based on need."

She said she sees no problem in tying a bursary into athletics.

"Obviously the student has to be performing adequately," she said.

Waldron said she thinks there is room for both scholarships for academic students, and bursaries for students in need.

"There are far too many people who need money to say 'this bursary is for jocks only,'" said Julie Hewlett, Director of Academics for the UVic Students' Society.

"If you're talking about giving someone a bursary because they can play basketball better than someone else, that doesn't contribute to academic scholarship at UVic."

She said she doesn't want to see the system degenerate like it has in the United States, where it is possible for people who play sports to graduate without being able to read.□

Gays bash back

by Steven Kirby

Gay bashing and anti-gay biases are being actively combatted by UVic's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance.

The LGBA has arranged for gay men to take Wenlido, a self-defense program designed by and for women.

"I think it is very important for gay men to empower themselves

so that in any situation where they are being threatened, they can have confidence," said Brian Young, the LGBA member who arranged the course.

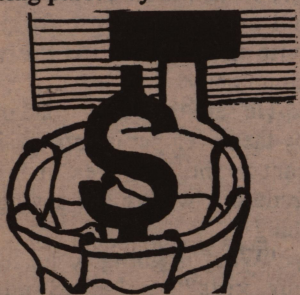
Young said gay men, like women, are being attacked as a group and, "In terms of preventative measures, Wenlido is the best that I can think of."

Wenlido is based on five principles, teaching that awareness, avoidance, assertiveness, and

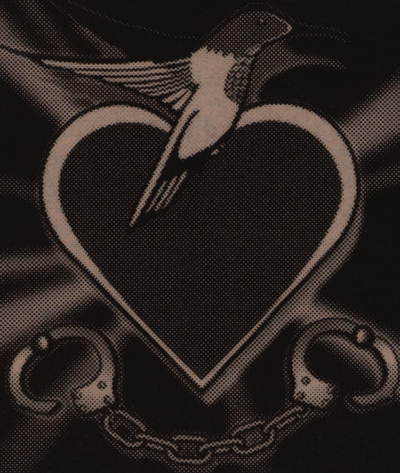
assessment come before action.

Carol Sykes, the Wenlido instructor, said, "In a basic class, the initial twelve hours will teach you to defend yourself in the most common types of scenarios."

The class is offered twice, on January 10 and 17 in the SUB Upper Lounge, and is open to all gay men. Anyone wanting more information can reach Brian Young at 384-2562.□



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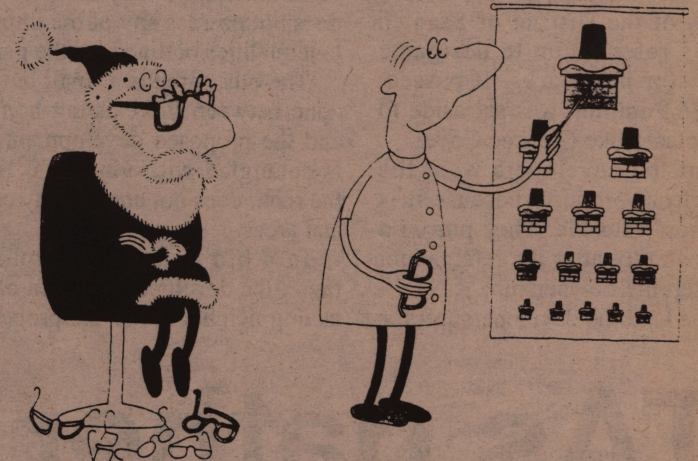
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• NEWS •

Somalis still starving

by Alisa Smith

The Somali/Kenyan border, November 1992 - a refugee aid camp holding 65,000 displaced people. Displaced by a famine caused by drought and ongoing civil war - a war fought with arms supplied by the United States throughout the 1980s.

"Until you have seen it, you can't comprehend it. To see all those little thatched huts - where they just bend branches and cover them with pieces of plastic from the UN, pieces of skin, or whatever they can find - crowded in side by side ... It's a pretty bleak situation," said Leif Wergeland, a Victoria resident.

He decided to go to Somalia himself and see the realities of hunger and war, and hopefully raise awareness in Canada of the Somalia's plight.

"They were just getting some fall rains, the first they've had in two years. Being the desert, it's very hot and flat. Just two or three inches of rain, and the camp is one big lake," said Wergeland.

He said he wanted to emphasize the success of aid camps like the ones set up by World Vision, the group co-ordinating his trip.

"The picture I wanted to bring back home was not that people are dying, but that they are being helped."

A war fought with arms supplied by the United States throughout the 1980s.

Wergeland said he was frustrated with the only sporadic attention paid to the famines in Africa by the media, and the corresponding amounts of public pressure and foreign aid.

"There is still a real need with the Ethiopian people. But they had their turn four years ago on the news."

"The UN and world governments need more pressure to get involved before countries self destruct [like Somalia]. Once it's gone that far, it's hard to get back."

Somalia had only escaped the yoke of colonialism in 1960, when in 1969 Siad Barre, a military commander, seized control and set up a dictatorship lasting until 1991 - and then came the civil war in the wake of Barre's defeat.

Dennis Kiffiak, Victoria manager for World Vision, said not all areas are affected by the drought, and Somalia could actually manage to produce enough food for its people - but the civil war makes life too unstable, and people are afraid to stay in one place long enough to plant crops.

Since last year, over 40,000 people have been killed or wounded in Somalia.

The drought has hit most of Africa's east coast, from the Sudan down to South Africa, although some of these countries are not at the famine stage - yet.

In Malawi, a country south of Somalia, World Vision gives out food rations to help keep people on their plots of land and minimize the number of refugees.

A typical monthly ration is nine kilograms of corn, sorghum, beans or rice. □



B.C. slow to save Kitlope

by Chris Vance

The Haisla Nation is set to save the largest remaining temperate rainforest in the world, and they won't let corporate megaliths get in the way.

"There is no compromise on [the] Kitlope," said Josette Wewier, environmental researcher for the Kitimaat Village Band of the Haisla Nation. The Kitlope is on northern British Columbia's coast, across from the Queen Charlotte Islands.

All of the 405,578 hectare Kitlope ecosystem is currently under Tree Farm License number 41, and a Eurocan Pulp and Paper Company plans to log the area by 1997, said Wewier.

"TFL 41 has been imposed on our territory," he said.

Ecotrust, a U.S. based conservation organization, and the Haisla Nation have proposed a plan for the Kitlope watershed that includes a ban on logging, the continuing of a youth rediscovery camp, and recognition of Haisla land title to the territory.

The plan has received a "very positive response from the provincial government," said Wewier, who added the B.C. Environment Minister, John Cashore, will meet with the Haisla and Eurocan Dec. 1 to discuss the plan.

Wewier said a rediscovery camp run in August will continue next year. Ecotrust will help with another study of the ecosystem in the near future.



The Haisla want the government to remove the greater Kitlope ecosystem from TFL 41 and settle their land claim. It includes the Kitlope watershed and was accepted for negotiation by the federal government in 1976; the claim was registered with the B.C. government in 1990.

Out of over 20 Aboriginal Nations in this situation, only one, the Nisga'a, have reached the bargaining table.

Wewier said, "We can't wait for [the land claim process]. In the meantime the resource extraction continues and pollution goes on."

"It's getting to be very tight for everybody. The land base is getting smaller for the industry and they have to go into more sensitive areas ... but who has to live with the pollution?"

The ecosystem could be excluded from TFL 41 by an order of the Forestry Minister, said Reg Brick, TFL Officer responsible for the license.

Under the Forests Act, land under a TFL can be taken away with one year notice and compensation, said Brick.

An area near the Kitlope, TFL 1, was reduced at the request of the Aboriginal Nation there, and the land was turned into a 20,000 hectare class A provincial park, said Brick.

Kitimaat is an "Alcan town, a pulp mill town," said Wewier.

"People feel threatened [by conservation]."

Often in B.C., any mention of ecological conservation in a small community dependent on resource exploitation creates hostility and division.



But "the pulp mill in Kitimaat does not depend on chips from TFL 41. Eighty-five per cent comes from Smithers [and other areas]," said Wewier.

"We live in constant job blackmail in the north. People are manipulated all the time."

Eurocan and Ecotrust agree TFL 41 is an unprofitable area to log, according to both groups' independent findings.

The Kitlope is valuable as the largest remaining unlogged watershed in B.C., Wewier said. "One half of the world's temperate rain forests are gone and two thirds of what's left is on the west coast of North America."

"It's shocking to find how little is left, and how precious it is. So little is known."

A Haisla-Ecotrust study of the Kitlope found Black Merlins and Marbled Murrelets in the watershed, both are rarely sighted birds.

Wewier said youth at the rediscovery camp found salamanders and lichens never seen before.

The Haisla don't want the watershed declared a park because their traditions of hunting, fishing and bark gathering would be restricted, said Wewier. Instead, the Haisla want the area "protected", possibly under B.C.'s new Protected Areas Strategy.

"The Kitlope is a very important point of the Haisla heritage," said Wewier.

"[The Haisla] want to continue to use it for the generations to come." □

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EDITORIAL

There was no ballot burning in last Saturday's city referendum; in fact, polling stations were eerily quiet.

It seems strange how few people voted on issues that affect all of us directly on a day to day basis - with millions of dollars at stake.

One can only conclude that mass media, pervasive advertising, a bombardment of images and compulsions, is what it takes to get people interested, or riled up.

Think of all the hype surrounding the recent federal referendum on the Constitution. Sure, it was seen as a "big" issue, but isn't your immediate environment a big issue too?

Come on, what stopped people from voting for sewage treatment? Don't say the moral imperative to REDUCE waste and utilize it, say for fertilizer. Instead say they heard the ominous ring of the cash register in their ears when they read on the ballot a cost of about \$700 more per year.

What kind of people voted anyway in this somewhat cursory, non-binding exercise in democracy?

There were many issues on the ballot, with the question of primary and secondary sewage treatment drawing the most votes - 33,848 people in a city of 250,000.

What kinds of priorities do this limited cross section of Victorians have?

It is curious that a town so concerned with its image, a town which banishes skateboarders and graffiti art, a town purporting to be full of people obsessed with the biosphere, would vote to pump raw shit, screened only of the big bits, into its ocean and onto others' beaches - when we have received international condemnation for it.

And don't say, "Well, those bloody Yanks have their own pollution problems, goddammit!" Their mistakes don't excuse ours, and it's about time we started to realize that.

What you can't see doesn't exist, people seem to think. If no one sees the screened out tampons and hypodermic needles, there isn't a problem. People will soon discover that the ocean is not an infinite garbage can.

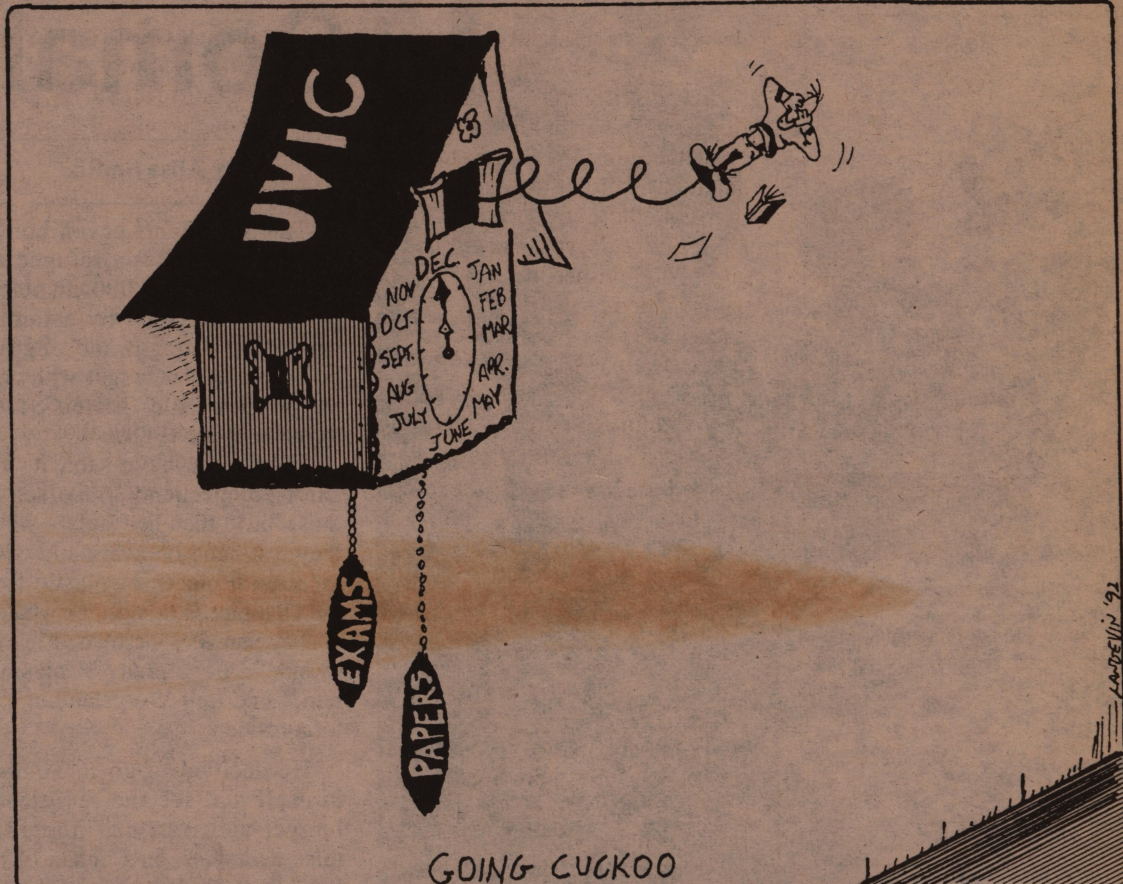
Seventy-five per cent of voters decided on a new \$18.5 million station for our police force - the most strongly supported proposal.

Yet they denied the creation of new recreation facilities for the public. So: Victorians are not really committed to keeping those infamous youths off our streets and honourably entertained, but they are committed to having somewhere to interrogate them when they become miscreant.

Sixty-seven per cent of voters approved shoreline protection. Okay, just WHAT are they protecting the shore from anyway? Shores have been perfectly happy in the past to defend themselves from the onslaught of the sea. Erosion is a natural process, unlikely to occur at an alarming rate.

Victorians would evidently like to see the unpredictable natural world controlled by an encasement of concrete. Perhaps Cadillac Fairview, designers of the Eaton's Centre, build sea walls too. Guaranteed to look better than the original cliffs, a tasteful re-construction.

Editorial topics are decided on by staff at editorial meetings, which happen every Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the Martlet office. Editorials are written by one or more staffers with input from all present at the meeting.



The Martlet has an open letters policy and will undertake to print every letter received from members of the university community. Letters must be **TYPEWRITTEN** (you can use Martlet machines), double spaced and include your name, student number and a phone number for verification. **LETTERS MUST BE 250 WORDS MAXIMUM.** Editors reserve the right to edit ruthlessly for length and libelous content. Deadline is Monday 10a.m. Letters will be prioritized in the order received. Only one submission from the same person will be printed per week. Letters with pseudonyms will not be printed. Letters will not be edited for spelling or grammar.

Prostitution unhealthy

Editors:

You finally exasperated me enough to write. I was disgusted at the "cover art" (human genitalia) and dismayed at one sided reporting (Morgantaller), but I believe in freedom of expression so I kept silent. I am annoyed with favoritism of select groups non-proportional to their presence in the UVic population. But, I believe that all deserves a say, so I wait for an issue on Family Violence, Ecology, University Policies, or other "minority" concerns they should come up shouldn't they?

However, you finally crossed the **HYPOCRITICAL ALARM THRESHOLD**. After running a safe sex: AIDS awareness issue and preaching about how careful of stereotypes and equality you are, you printed such a disgusting, dangerous, slanted article as your feature (vol.32, no.10)? [Nov. 5]

This article was, perhaps, irony? You failed. You achieved a piece glorifying illegal activities, biased against the police, disregarding danger from murder and health risks from disease (syphilis, AIDS, etc.), ignoring the fact that male prostitutes exist (how sexist of you) and portraying prostitution as a career choice!!

What were you thinking?? Prostitution is a product of an unhealthy society and is to be eradicated, not presented as an option of choice to a woman, like engineering or aviation (never mind the fact that there are 12 year olds out there who are turning tricks and can't even spell engineering!)

You have violated every rule of you precious Martlet code of ethics and created trash like a supermarket "meet the aliens" rag. Our University deserves better.

Christine Olsen

Forced fees undemocratic

Editors:

In order to address the concerns of Lyle Jenish and other who are not happy with the mandatory UVSS membership fee, I have initiated a campaign to amend our

Constitution and make the membership rebateable.

Unfortunately the current Board of Directors is favours forced membership fees and our Constitution is structured in such a way as to make direct democracy initiatives extremely difficult. Ten per cent of the undergraduate student body must sign a petition to call a referendum which will allow every student the opportunity to hear both sides of the issue and make an informed decision. That's as many people who voted this current BoD into office.

Currently the UVSS collects \$190.00 from every student registered in at least three courses a term, this proposal will allow YOU the student to choose which parts of the fee deserve your hard earned money. In addition, if you have a moral or philosophical objection to how your money is being spent, you would be able to opt out.

Of course, there will be a vocal minority of students on campus who are directly benefiting from the current system and already they have been busy ripping down posters. If you contact me directly, you will ensure that your signature is not stolen. You can reach me by, leaving me a note in my mailbox behind the SUB General Office or dropping by the Monday night BoD meeting at 6:30 in the SUB Upper Lounge or attending our weekly Students for Direct Democracy meeting every Friday at 1:30 in Cornett A372.

Time is short, don't delay.

Georgé S. Pringle
Director, UVic Student Society

Health cards in

Editors:

Sniffing, sneezing, hacking and wheezing? As the annual wave of colds and flus has descended upon the University and, as classrooms are a veritable incubator o' germs, the Students' Society would like to remind all of you not yet afflicted to bundle up, eat lotsa Flintstone chewables, vitamin C and chicken soup. Those of you already suffering

from the plethora o' viruses, we hope you're feeling better soon or at least that your condition degenerates enough to warrant a medical exemption from exams! Whether you're sick or not, don't forget your UVSS Health Plan cards are here and can be picked up at the SUB General Office (please don't breath on us when you come to pick them up).

In good health

The UVSS Board of Directors

Offended?

Editors:

There has been concern expressed over VIPIRG's Racism and Discrimination Committees' recent poster campaign. The posters used words such as "NIGGER," "DIRTY INDIAN," and "CHINK," followed by a message urging people to fight this attitude. These words symbolize the prejudice that visible minorities face in our society.

The intent of our poster campaign was to raise awareness about racism. The committee, including members who are from such target groups, felt that shock value was necessary to draw attention to our important message. The first step towards solving a problem is to acknowledge it. We cannot pretend that racist attitudes do not exist.

If you were offended by the posters, why not come to our meetings and express your opinions? If you are just plain offended by prejudice, come and join the fight against racism and discrimination.

Meetings are held every Wednesday in Cinecenta at 2:00 p.m.

VIPIRG Racism and Discrimination Committee

Men not vacuums

Editors:

In response to 2 disturbing letters of 19 Nov/92:

Regarding "Vacuum Coming" for Fetus. Chris Parker:

As a man it would be appropriate for you to acknowledge that there is a man involved in this

• OPINION •



The Martlet

Quote o' the week:

"If you don't have ethics you can do anything."

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desperate story about baby fetus. Yet you put 100% of the responsibility on "Momma" for being in the situation in which she finds herself needing to choose to have an abortion or not to have an abortion. She did not conceive a child alone. Why do you neglect to put any blame on her male partner in an unwanted pregnancy?

Regarding "Westmin doesn't crave resources":

The letter by Bruce McKnight of Westmin Resources supporting "multiple-use" in Strathcona Park has many holes. It fails in the argument that resource extraction is necessary in the park to provide jobs, taxes, & investor profits. Why can't Mr. McKnight drill minerals out of the earth outside of the scanty 6.6% of British Columbia (B.C. Parks, 1990) which is "protected" in provincial parkland? "Those mineral markets" may not care where their products comes from but someone has to. The small areas that parks make up should be off grounds to commercial pursuits. As far as the trip he takes students on to make them feel guilty for any reservations they may have had about Westmin mining in Strathcona Park, well I ride a bike and own a tape deck but none of this justifies mining within a provincial park. And as far as the research grants Westmin purportedly lavishes on UVic, well no thank you. Get out of Strathcona! He makes me sick.

Twice disturbed,
Michelle Zurbrigg

End date rape

Editors:

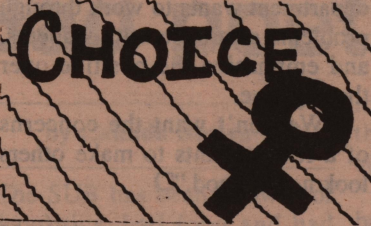
Dating Violence is the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of one partner by the other in a dating relationship. This abuse often leads to Date or Acquaintance Rape which is rape involving someone the victim knows. At the UVic Women's Centre we recognize that many female students face this situation far too often. Dating Violence is wrong.

Recognizing that this is a problem which has too long gone unaddressed, the Women's Centre is taking steps to stop dating violence. We have in place a nine month plan aimed at educating both female and male students and administrators about all aspects of this unacceptable social

behaviour. Beyond posters and pamphlets, we have planned numerous public forums and speaking engagements as part of our project. The first of these will take place Thursday, November 26 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in Elliot 060.

The panel will include experienced presenters from both Transition House and the Family Violence Project. We hope anyone - both male and female - who either have questions about dating violence OR feel they may be part of an abusive dynamic will come out to listen, learn and ask questions. You may just learn something that could help you or a friend. You may just learn something that could help you or a friend.

Heather Gropp
Date Rape/Dating Violence
Education Committee



Murderers

Editors:

For how much longer will "Christian" men be writing on and on about the "rights" of fetal tissue, distorting the pressing need for abortion rights and calling women murderers? It's not as if women want to have abortions - women undergo the abortion procedure because they have become pregnant without their consent and exercise their choice to not give birth. There is a social need for abortion. If "Christian" men care about the future of fetal tissue so much then they should spend their time volunteering at childcare services and talking to each other about ending their male violence.

Women who survive the physical and emotional trauma of an abortion deserve our most humble respect, not our loads of misogynist blame. Denying women access to safe and quick abortion forces them to birth a child against their will which is a violation of their most basic human rights. Forced motherhood is a form of rape. As men we must do all we can to end rape. This means sup-

porting women's rights to choose.

As men we could be supporting feminists in their struggle for a better quality of life for all women and children. Only when this is assured, abortion will cease to be a social issue.

Women have a right to say no to sex and a right to say no to pregnancy and motherhood! But as long as the sexist backlash thrives, we as men will continue to feel threatened by the strident feminist truths, which question our "right" to control women's fate.

Adam Budd
Victoria Men's Network
for Change



Smash the elite

Editors:

Both the article of the "Funeral for the Forests" demonstration and David Emery's excellent Guest Editorial are pointing to situations which are laying the groundwork for the emergence of a unified struggle against the Elite establishment.

Recently the Times-Colonist printed an article about a paper presented by the Union of Concerned Scientists, all 1600 of them including 99 Nobel Prize Winners, which stated that we have 10-30 years to replace the political social and fundamentally the economic systems, capitalism, which has brought Us to the back page of the tragedy of Human existence of this Planet.

Dr. Helen Caldicott, in a talk last summer, called for the overthrow of Governments who have become Puppets of Multi-national Corporations. She means Our governments, and all governments for that matter as all governments exist because of the form of economy which needs such styles of government. She also asked her audience to raise their hands if they were willing to risk being shot by their own soldiers in defense of a dying planet. The brave women and men of the Qwa-Ba-Diwa and other Native Independent States Movements across the Western Hemisphere,

as well as other related and allied movements of which the environmental movement is a large part, have verbalized their willingness to stand in front of State violence in order to defend what they collectively believe. We shall very soon see People taking such risks.

I, too, would, will and have pledged to take up arms in defense of Earth, unless such action would get in the way of my end goal of accomplishing a reasonably non-hierarchical, decentralized and stabilized economy and political structure run by voluntary participants in a participatory democracy. This is what some people call Social Ecology, Libertarian Socialism, Anarcho-Communism, Syndicalism or just plain old Revolution, as long as it does not reproduce existing Bourgeois forms of rule.

Such fine articles published by The Martlet, even though Bobby Arbess was misquoted, are highlighting the need for and actuality of struggles to form a more "unified within diverse" movement for fundamental change.

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No class for jobless students

by Alisa Smith

Students in the school of business co-op program are worried they may not get placed for the January work term, but the department strongly denies the possibility.

Co-op terms are mandatory for the year-old degree program, but tough economic times mean fewer jobs, whether co-op or not. And if you can't find a job, you won't be allowed to enroll in classes next term.

"I applied for a job on Oct. 1 and I haven't even had an interview yet," said a business co-op student who refused to be named, because "they keep track of us."

Glenn Martin, another school of business student, said she thought there were job placement problems, but it was a "touchy subject." She declined to make any further comments.

Susan Weeda, program manager for the department, said it was absolutely not true there are place-

ment problems this year, or have been in the past.

However, the department did hold an "information session" for students last week to encourage them to find co-op jobs.

Weeda labelled student concerns about lack of jobs "misinformation," and suggested this reporter ask her some more factual questions.

When told these were all the questions, she said, "I'm not finished with you. Why don't you come over here and we can talk about this in person."

Weeda asked what the names of the students were, so she could address their concerns.

Students are afraid of being noted as dissenters in the department, and that job shortages could effect their degree completion.

The student who did not want to be named said, "If I don't get placed, I couldn't go back to school."

Weeda said, "That's like saying 'what happens if I fail economics?' You need an action plan.

"For students looking for their own jobs, we're encouraging them to use their own contacts for leads. Have YOU ever looked for a job before? That's the way people look for jobs in the REAL world."

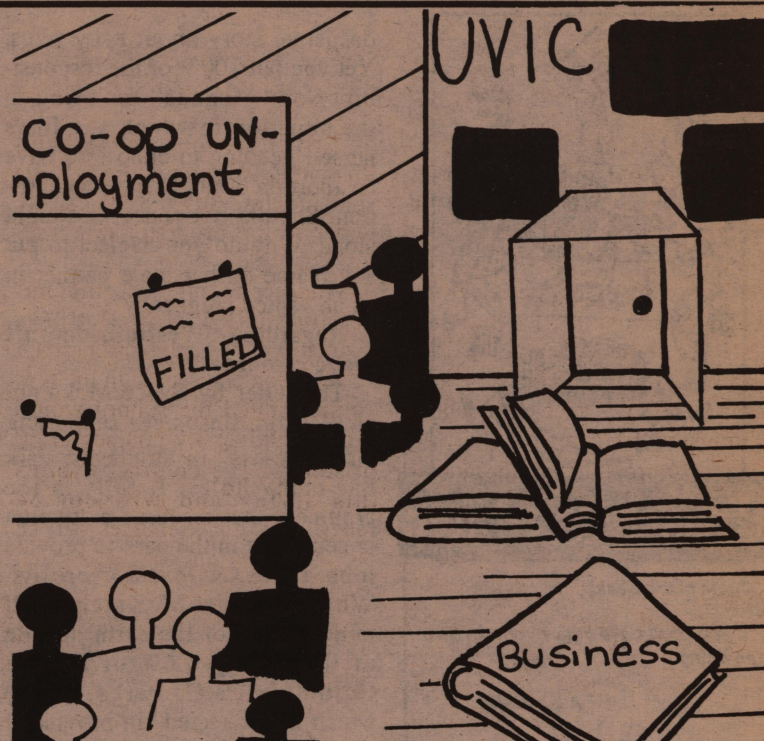
She said, "I'd be concerned too if I didn't have a job now. The economy is tight right now, but people are responsible for their participation in the co-op program. That's the way the program is designed."

So far, Weeda said, only 35 out of more than 100 students have been placed in jobs for the next semester. The last possible date for students to start work is Feb. 1.

"But it's not a crisis situation." The unnamed student said, "We're just guinea pigs while they work through all the shit."

However, Weeda said the department wants to work through problems as a team with students, and emphasize the positive over the negative.

"We don't want the concerns of a few students to make others look not as good." □



TAPS fights poverty

by Anna Hutson

Local groups are fighting to reduce the high numbers of families living in poverty.

One in six Canadian children and 45 per cent of single parent families live in poverty, according to Campaign 2000, a coalition of over forty groups.

The numbers are based on Statistics Canada's definition of poverty - that 52.2 per cent or more of all earnings are spent on food, shelter and clothing.

Based on the principle that "poverty is a systemic and political problem," End Legislated Poverty seeks to push for government reforms like extended medical care and taxation based on the ability to pay, said Patricia Chauncey of the Victoria group.

"Justice, not charity," said Chauncey of the aims of the group.

Together Against Poverty Society approaches the problem on a more immediate level.

Susan Noakes of TAPS said they offer "individual advocacy." She represents people who believe they have been unfairly treated by social services, unemployment insurance or landlords, for example.

TAPS is able to both inform people of their rights, and act as advocates in hearings.

The numbers of people using the service has been consistently high since the Victoria office opened in 1990, said Noakes. □

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• NATIONAL NEWS •

Prison program canned

BURNABY (CUP) — Students enrolled in Simon Fraser University's prison education program at Mountain Penitentiary in Agassiz, B.C., are banging on the bars over plans to cancel the program.

Upset students learned of the plan in October when Corrections Canada officials met with school administrators to review the program's future. They said cancellation of the 12 year-old program will be devastating.

"If [Corrections Canada] cuts this out, I've got nothing," said a student who refused to be named. Other prison programs are "useless," he said.

Another inmate said his university studies allowed him to take control of his rehabilitation.

A prison contract with the university stated the school would provide university courses to 50 prisoners. The contract expires this spring and will not be renewed. Instead, courses will be

offered to help prisoners cope with leaving prison.

"All programs have been reviewed, and that includes university programs," said assistant prison warden Dave McLaren.

"What we're trying to do is match the criminological needs of offenders with the appropriate resources." More simply put, no cash means no education.

The SFU program allows students to pursue certificates, bachelor or masters degrees. □

B.C. students lobby for money and rights

BURNABY (CUP) — As provincial ministers gather around oak tables topped with cinnamon cakes, gallons of coffee, and salmon-sandwiches to discuss the budget, students continue to poignantly stare at bare cupboards and bank slips with three or less digits.

About thirty students from across British Columbia met with

provincial government members in Victoria Nov. 16 and 17 to discuss post-secondary education.

The lobby sessions, organized by the Canadian Federation of Students, were intended to increase government awareness of student issues surrounding post-secondary education.

The CFS campaign focused on increased access, funding, student union autonomy and democratization of college and university boards of governors.

"We had a good reception to our requests for student union autonomy," said Giselle Carriere, a Simon Fraser University student who attended the lobbys. With regard to increased funding, the MLA's said they were "pro-education", but the provincial budget deficit constrains action.

In asking for increased funding, the students said a single college student receiving maximum assistance lives 52 per cent below the poverty line.

Between 14,000 and 16,000 students were turned away from post-secondary institutions in B.C. this year.

The CFS would like a grant system similar to other provinces - B.C. remains the only province without a grant system.

"It was a good time to come," said health minister Elizabeth Cull, since the government's finance committee has just begun meeting to determine next year's provincial budget.

Pass the salmon sandwiches please. □

Profs plan to pot-grow

WINDSOR (CUP) — Behind a black shadow of doubt there grows a cache of Pansies, mint and Zebra mussels.

Flower pots once used to grow marijuana are being used in biology research projects at the University of Windsor.

The city's police services board voted at the beginning of November to donate equipment seized from marijuana growers to the

university instead of selling it at auction.

The board decided to donate the equipment to the university because board staff worried the equipment would fall back into the hands of marijuana growers. Often at auctions, dealers buy equipment and are back to business within weeks.

The university picked up high-tech lighting equipment, a large

quantity of fertilizer, flower pots, pumps, and timers used for automatic watering.

The equipment is being used throughout the university's biology department, and two professors already have plans for the equipment.

Hugh MacIsaac will use it to study zebra mussels, currently threatening the oxygen content of the Great Lakes, and Donovan

Thomas will study aquatic plant growth with the help of a powerful mercury vapour lamp.

"Currently we are using conventional fluorescent lamps as our light sources, as these high output lighting fixtures are too expensive under current research budgets," he said.

Other Ontario police forces have the same policy of donating seized equipment. The university was given first choice of the available equipment. Local schools boards and a college will also be offered similar equipment for their horticultural programs. □

Ontario faces funding crisis

by Naomi Klein

TORONTO (CUP) — The Ontario provincial government is threatening to renege on its promise to increase university funding by two per cent next year.

The move would deal a \$64 million blow to Ontario universities. The University of Toronto said it will be forced to lay off staff, reduce its curriculum and hike tuition fees if the increase falls through.

U of T president Rob Prichard said Ontario treasurer Floyd Laughren informed him last week that the promised two per cent increase in funding, which amounts to \$64 million for the province's colleges and universities, may be eliminated.

"He [Laughren] indicated that as a result of a deterioration in the provincial financial situation, it would be extremely difficult for the province to meet the commitment for a two per cent increase in

'93/'94," Prichard said.

The cut was announced along with the three-year pledge so the sector could make long-term restructuring responses to the loss in revenue.

Peter George, president of the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), and David Smith, the organization's chair, said the impact of the NDP's broken promise would be compounded by the fact that it was too small to begin with.

"When the Treasurer announced the transfer payments for three years, we were stunned by the low amount but, nevertheless, we proceeded to accommodate the expected revenues in our budget planning," George and Smith wrote in a letter sent to all Ontario cabinet ministers.

However, the latest financial report shows the province's budget projections fell short of reality. As a result of a decline in projected tax revenue, the province is out

\$595 million.

"We are redoubling efforts to contain costs and reduce spending, so that we can meet our medium-term fiscal plan and our priorities of the future," Laughren said in a statement. "We have a number of very tough decisions to make - both this year and in the coming year." □



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MAKE ME AN OFFER:

Debbie's Dinette is not your ordinary greasy spoon. As soon as you enter the cafe in small-town Hubbards, Nova Scotia, you immediately notice the odd assortment of antiques and relics that pass for decor. Bizarre lamps made of old brass munitions casings sit on the tables and tacky 1950s-era kitsch adorns the walls.

But what makes Debbie's Dinette truly uncommon is owner Jane Kansas' penchant for striking a deal.

If you can offer her a skill, talent or object that she needs or likes, she'll exchange it for a meal from the cafe's menu. Kansas runs her cafe on a barter basis, a pre-capitalist economic tool that has been largely eclipsed with the (relatively) recent use of cash currency. Although dollars are accepted, barter is the encouraged mode of exchange.

In impoverished and under-employed southern Nova Scotia, and other parts of Canada with little "cash flow", barter is regarded as a feasible alternative to traditional money-based economics.

Kansas said running her barter cafe has been a real learning experience for her and the Hubbards community.

"IF YOU CAN OFFER HER A SKILL, TALENT OR OBJECT SHE'LL EXCHANGE IT FOR A MEAL..."

"I wanted to turn that American Express (credit card) slogan on its head. The one that says 'membership — wealth — has its privileges.' It produces this idea that a buck can get you anything," said Kansas. "The cafe's bartering system is an exercise in awareness of what it's like not to have currency."

Kansas said bartering at her cafe has really caught on. People have brought her antiques from their attics, clothes, and fresh produce from their gardens. They also offer services - like fixing her water pump or bringing her wood. She said when people want to barter for their meals, she asks them what their offering is worth on the menu and then strikes a deal.

"I ask people what their belongings are worth, a shepherd's pie, a soup, two or three cups of coffee, and so on. It takes a little more time than money, that's for sure."

Kansas said "customers" put thought, awareness and humility into each transaction, and when estimating the real worth of their belongings or services.

But what does she do with all the stuff she accumulates?

Most of the "junk" — as she described it — goes to a local flea market. What Kansas cannot use is exchanged or donated to local schools. She saves the more interesting items to decorate the cafe.

Kansas said she hasn't made much money in the barter business, but she said she appreciates the sense of community around the cafe.

"People behave differently when not dealing with money. Strangers are a lot more friendly towards each other in the cafe."

She said many people who would never regularly go out for a meal come to her restaurant.

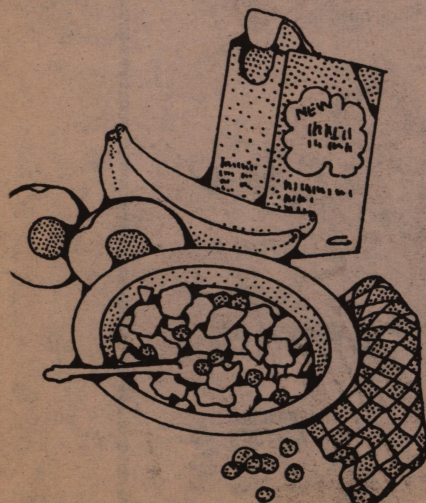
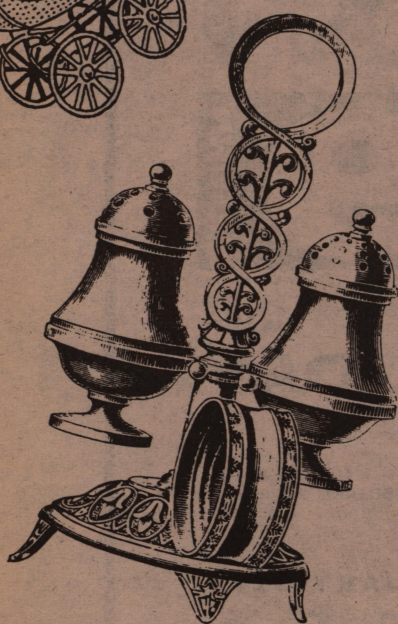
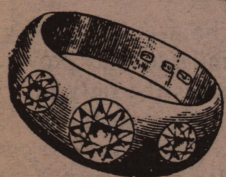
People on unemployment insurance or welfare often come to the cafe to barter for meals. Senior citizens come for her homemade bread and hot meals, and local tradespeople — plumbers and workers — stop by for lunch. It also attracts a good number of gays and lesbians from nearby Halifax that are attracted by the cafe's queer-positive atmosphere, she said.

And in Montreal, a group of 40 families has also jumped on the barter boat.

In one of the city's suburbs, a community-run baby-sitting exchange provides "free" baby-sitting services to families.

In the labour exchange, members take care of each other's children in exchange for tokens. Parents can then use their "earned" tokens to have their own children babysat. Each family has an up-to-date list of other families belonging to the exchange and one member parent acts as "dispatcher" for baby-sitting exchanges.

Iris Unger works at a local Montreal YWCA as a community organizer for economic development. She said the baby-sitting exchange is especially helpful to single mothers,



unemployed and immigrant families. The exchange provides essentially free baby-sitting and introduces parents to a support network of other families.

"It's a reality that people have kids, work and need free time," said Unger. "Baby-sitting can cost a lot of money for families with limited incomes."

The exchange is a good way for children to meet other children in the neighborhood, and for parents to make contacts with other parents. Through the exchange, families regularly organize picnics, parties, children's play-groups and a newsletter.

Unger said many parents benefit more than economically from the exchange. "Many parents feel a sense of empowerment and involvement because they're basically running the whole exchange by themselves," said Unger.

The exchange was originally founded by a local YWCA, community council and a community-based health centre. Unger said the exchange is also working on establishing a labour exchange (in addition to baby-sitting) in its newsletter, and organizing new baby-sitting exchange "clusters" in other neighbourhoods of the city.

But bartering is not limited to small-scale and community-orientated exchanges. Several Quebec-based "barter banks" run a lucrative business on non-cash exchanges of products and services. Large-scale barter banks are a far cry from informal, community-building labour exchanges, but operate along similar principles.

Esta Diutcher is trade director at Trans-American Trade Exchange, a 13-year-old product and service barter bank with nearly 400 members and \$10 million of trade each year.

Members include cleaners, garages, hotels, restaurants, bulk food stores, opticians, dentists, and manufacturers.

The system works by allowing members to transact with other members without exchanging money. The tab is paid with "barter dollars" and paid with a special credit card. With barter dollars earned, one can return the favour at businesses belonging to the exchange. The barter dollars exist only on paper and are not convertible outside the system.

"A printer can go to a restaurant,

eat, and then pay with his or her trade card. With those trade dollars, the restaurant owner can pay for a new set of glasses or a dentist appointment," said Diutcher.

However, Diutcher said that bartering is no replacement for cash

"MANY INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES ARE ATTRACTED TO BARTERING AS A STRATEGY TO AVOID TAXES, ESPECIALLY THE GST."

exchanges. Unabashedly corporate, Trans-American's goal is to increase the cash flow of its members by providing them with a little extra business. It also saves companies from spending cash that might be needed for large purchases.

Before becoming a member of the exchange, a business must have a profit margin of at least 30 per cent and a high cash flow. Bartering should not make up more than 10 per cent of a company's business, she said.

But membership has its privileges, said Diutcher. Depending on a person's lifestyle, big bucks can be bartered.

"Each individual is different, but if all our member's services are used, one can look at bartering as much as \$10,000 a year."

Employees of Trans-American troubleshoot, publish a newsletter, and do the accounting. For these services, Trans-American charges for each transaction and also charges a membership fee.

Many individuals and businesses are attracted to bartering as a strategy to avoid taxes, especially the GST. Although Trans-American has a GST tax number and charges taxes on transactions, the majority of informal bartering and labour exchanges pay no heed to taxes.

Corporate-scale bartering has not caught on in the rest of Canada, said Diutcher. Exchanges like Trans-American took off in Quebec in the mid-70s and never looked back. But she said people in the rest of Canada just can't understand bartering.

"Some people don't look any further than dollars."

by Peter Clibbon
MONTREAL (CUP)



BUSINESS IN THE 90'S

• ARTS •

New Malcolm X movie gets it right

Malcolm X
directed by Spike Lee
1992

by Matthew Ramsey

One of the most controversial figures in American politics and activism, Malcolm X captured the imagination of a generation.

Spike Lee has brought his interpretation of Malcolm's life to the silver screen 27 years after his murder.

From the beginning the production of *Malcolm X* was a challenge for Lee. His previous movies have illuminated prejudice and the struggle for racial equality.

Lee has found the perfect medium to further his portrayal of racial strife in the U.S. and worldwide with *Malcolm X*.

The film suffered underfunding problems from Warner Brothers Studios, and reaction from various elements of the population who

resented and objected to any Hollywood interpretation of the life of Malcolm X.

Eventually, the project was funded in part by celebrities including Michael Jordan, Oprah Winfrey and Bill Cosby.

It took two years to make *Malcolm X*. The attention to detail in set production, costumes, and character analysis is admirable.

The desire to achieve perfection was crucial to Lee.

Denzel Washington disappears into the character of Malcolm and by the end of the picture it is hard not to believe they are not one and the same.

The desire to achieve perfection is crucial to Lee. Any misquotes or inaccuracies would enrage those who hold Malcolm and his ideology dear.

The result of Lee's and Marvin Worth's attempt at exactitude is a

200 minute epic, which captures the mind of the audience and transports them into the world of *Malcolm X*.

The story follows Malcolm from his home in Nebraska to Boston, where he became

involved in theft, gambling, and drug use, and to his final speech at the Audubon hall in 1965.

Lee presents Malcolm as a person who has lost faith in a white society and tries to transcend racial boundaries through dress

and attitude, crime and money, and finally through the teachings of Mohammed and his oratory.

In effect, he used all means necessary to shed light on four hundred years of oppression and prejudice. □

N'Dour crosses cultures

by Brian Brown

Rarely does a musician cross cultures, address problems, and still remain spontaneous, fun, and danceable.

Eyes Open is the latest release from African musician Youssou N'Dour. North American audiences will be most familiar with his work on Peter Gabriel's *So* and *Passion*. His past solo efforts never gained worldwide popularity.

As a native of Senegal, N'Dour has a style that combines African, Arabic and French influences. N'Dour is famous for his energet-

ic percussion and his wailing vocals.

Eyes Open contains intensely political lyrics. In "New Africa" he sings "Pool your resources and work together without regard for borders...let's open the borders, let's be tolerant of one another."

"I'd rather have a good-looking outfit than a gun...I'd rather have bread," he says in "Useless Weapons". Sung in the Wolof language, English translations are provided with the album.

"Couple's Choice" considers parenthood. "If you're a good kid, you're everybody's kid...but if you're bad, you only belong to

your mother."

Eyes Open is a diverse and entertaining record. He has a distinct Muslim and French-African background, but Youssou N'Dour directs his message towards people of all races, nationalities and creeds.

He avoids drowning in the swamp of racism and sexism that has claimed many frustrated musicians, who must rely on "shock value" to sell their product. *Eyes Open* is a small, but important contribution to understanding between peoples.

Youssou N'Dour plays Harpo's Nov. 25 and 26. □





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Sexual politics hit wall

by Brett Grubisic

The Kiss and Tell Collective wants to ask you, and wants you to evaluate your "moral" boundaries.

A modified version of *Drawing the Line: Lesbian Sexual Politics on the Wall* will be presented Dec. 2 at Cinecenta, part of ongoing noon SUBCulture events.

The original *Drawing the Line* was a touring exhibition of 100 mounted photographs. The artists invited women audience members to respond by writing their comments - good, bad, and indifferent - on the wall. Men were also invited to write comments in a separate book.

The three collaborators, Persimmon Blackbridge, Lizard Jones,

and Susan Stewart said they want the audience to "make judgements" about sexual representation.

They said their work "is part of a discussion in the lesbian and feminist communities about sexual imagery, sexism, censorship, pleasure, violence, power, empowerment, and a few other

"A discussion of erotica, pornography and women's sexuality."

odds and ends."

The Cinecenta show will consist of 30 slides from the exhibit, 2 short videos, and a "discussion of erotica, pornography, and women's sexuality."

The photographs themselves depict a range of the lesbian expe-

rience, from romantic embraces to somewhat violent looking S&M.

The comments are as varied as the photographs. On one photograph the comments range from "This makes her an object," to, "I could stand being objectified like this."

Another photograph shows two women in an erotic embrace and a crucifix in one corner. It elicited responses like, "I love this photo and love being a Christian lesbian," and, "Religious symbols have no place in these pictures. This is obscene."

The Kiss and Tell show has caused and will continue to cause questions and debate about sexual representation. Come to Cinecenta Dec. 2 to discover where you draw the line. □

Stephen Fearing cools down after his sizzling Newcombe show.

Fearing own master

by David Clements

Musician Stephen Fearing seemed amazed so many Victorians braved the cold, wet and windy weather to hear his show Nov. 21.

"Thanks for coming. It's just a rehearsal if you're not here," Fearing told the audience.

Fearing dazzled them in a two and a half hour show highlighted with his superb guitar work and touching lyrics, despite problems with his voice.

"I'm getting over pneumonia and bronchitis right now. My voice isn't the greatest," said Fearing.

The crowd seemed oblivious to this, as Fearing was happily obliged to give two encores.

"That was great. That's success. People hearing your songs and liking them," he said after the show.

However, Fearing stresses he is not merely a slave to public opinion, and thinks all artists should ask themselves one crucial question: "Do you do things because people like them, or because you're an artist? Art for art's sake [is where it's at]."

He doesn't see himself as the ever-tortured artist, drenched in angst and self-ridicule. "I don't want to be. I don't have to be tortured to do my art.

"Maybe I'm a tortured human being like everyone else, and I just happen to play music," said Fearing.

The Vancouver-born Fearing spent many of his formative years in Ireland. He says this change

influenced his song writing profoundly.

"Ireland is so different from B.C. It's old, there's a sense of art and history. The differences teach you how to adapt, and how to be an observer."

Fearing lists some of his influences as Gordon Lightfoot, Paul Simon, Don Maclean, and folk great Richard Thompson. Elements of all these musicians appeared in his Victoria performance.

"Trying Times" off his 1988 *Out to Sea* album, combined a bluesy bass line with Fearing's eerie, echoey guitar. The song demonstrated Fearing's ability to take simple lyrics, which would reek of insincerity when performed by others, and make them deep and moving.

"Folks wouldn't have to suffer if there was more love for each other, but these are trying times," sang Fearing.

Other highlights included a ballad he recently wrote, entitled "The Brilliance of You." Fearing called it "a nineties love song." The lover phones, and converses with an answering machine instead. Fearing crooned, "We are lovers to each other, mostly blind to what we see."

One of the most intense songs was "Blind Horses", from 1991's *Blue Line*. It tells a story recounted to him by a friend, about Frank and Jesse James and their poor choice of steeds for a getaway.

He compares the story to today's religious and political leaders, who poison the planet and the minds of its residents: "Can anyone tell me these horses are not blind?" □

Bad poetry bleeds at SUB

by Calinda Brown

The SUB has been known for bad politics, bad food and bad beer, but never has it known such bad poetry.

The English Student's Society held their annual Poetry Massacre Friday Nov. 20 in the SUB Upper Lounge.

A well-behaved crowd of about 100 anxiously awaited the arrival of W.P. Kinsella and a Steelworker with a "Serving It Right" certificate. Failure of either to show up promised disastrous consequences.

The massacre began with "The Sun Still Shines Over the World's Worst Sonnet," which helped explain the present popularity of free verse among poets.

Those brave enough to get up and recite assured the mere mice

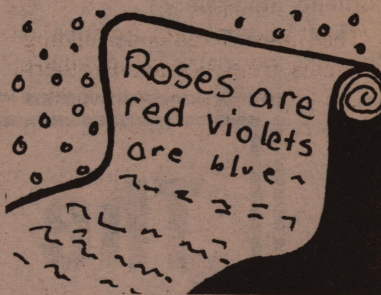
in the audience that some of their poems were indeed deep and personal.

"I need to confuse politics with bad poetry," said one poet clad in a sweater with leather-elbow-patches.

That recital was at least in English. One poem was made up completely of cow sound effects. Another dealt with the murder of a Sesame Street character who will go unmentioned to prevent exam and paper-stressed students from getting any crazy ideas.

Impressions were the order of the day with Lou Reed doing Led Zep and Jean-Luc Picard reciting early fifteenth century poetry.

Kinsella seemed unprepared for such genuine depravity and absurdist fantasies, although he did manage an anti-university policy poem entitled "Methods" that



met with a lot of applause from an audience charged with anarchist tendencies.

As the evening drew to a close, the mood of the performance took on a darker note as the audience was threatened with the repeat performance of one of the worst poems.

The author was convinced that would not be necessary, and further bloodshed was prevented. At least, until the next massacre on Valentine's Day. □



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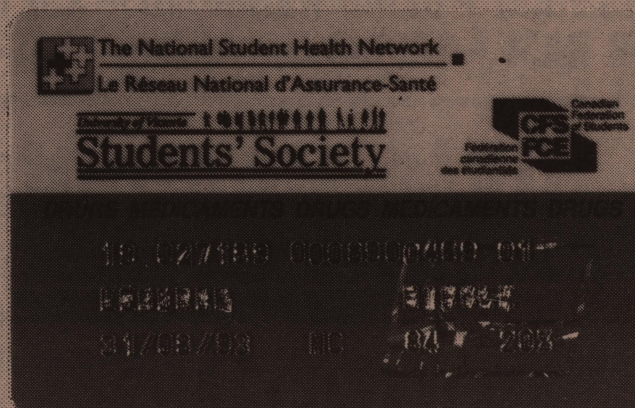
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Organic farmers love earth not money

by Shawn Hall

As conventional farming ravages the planet, many people are turning to alternative methods of growing food.

Organic farmers say their methods are less harmful to the planet, and their products are gaining popularity as environmental concerns become a priority for many people.

"[Organic farming] has been going on for centuries really," said David Stott, a Vancouver Island organic farmer and composter.

With the move in the last two centuries towards cheaper food while concentrating on profit, organic farming became almost extinct before a resurgence in the 1970s.

Now, people are becoming concerned with the environmental and health issues surrounding farming, Stott said.

Stott said in North America, on average, we spend 12 per cent of

our disposable income on food compared to 30 per cent in Europe and 60 to 90 per cent in other parts of the world.

The land suffers this demand for inexpensive food. "The prairies lost 50 per cent of their topsoil between 1900 and 1980. In the next 30 years the rest will go," said Stott.

There is a great connection between civilization and top soil, he said. We can't survive without it. Stott said organic farmers avoid methods that hurt top soil.

Techniques such as crop rotation, composting, a lack of chemicals, and non-monocrop growing maintain the land and do not remove topsoil.

Organic farmers try to run small scale farms with a mix of crops. It's very different from the monoculture practiced by large, conventional farms, Stott said.

He said organic farming is based on ethical concerns rather than profit.

Stott estimates he only makes three dollars an hour, and said an organic farm will often have an outside wage-earner supporting it.

Our society just isn't willing to spend enough on food to support conscientious farming.

Right now, organic food makes

up only one per cent of the market. However, said Stott, at the current rate of increase it will be at 10 per cent by the year 2000.

Many people who get sick from environmental factors start to eat organic foods because they feel it will make them well, he said.

"Whitehouse" invades office

by Winslow Lego and Richard Tonka and Derek McNaughton

About 10 people from the "Whitehouse" stormed the *Martlet* office Friday, claiming to be in search of secret papers and the real news of the world, in a scene somewhat reminiscent of Operation Desert Storm.

"I told everybody my name," said Alana, an eight year-old girl from the group. "I noticed lots of computers."

Although slow to respond to grilling questions asked by witty reporters, she did say, however, "I felt excited."

The group of students, all of whom expelled pungent farts without embarrassment and picked out small green things from their nostril holes, were from grades one to six.

What they did with the small green things, which most seemed to enjoy rolling between their fingers, "remains a mystery" said co-

editor Andrew MacLeod.

"Check the phones," he ordered, after the operation ended. The jovial pupils yelled at reporters, interrogated several people, "and sat and thought about what we were gonna do for the news."



Earlier in the day, Richard Tonka, who said he had to pee very soon, and friends "did a play on weather, sports and the news." Most were more than overwhelmed by the *Martlet's* comics page.

Meanwhile, anxious parents protested outside the respected newsroom, claiming the *Martlet* is just a beleaguered leftist political engine, and chanted they didn't want their kids "duped" into believing that capitalism was indeed most evil, though most parents sped away in recent model Camrys, Mazdas and BMWs - and all wished to remain anonymous.

The impetus for such media acuity? "Because it was my very first time, and I learned how to do it," Richard proudly said.

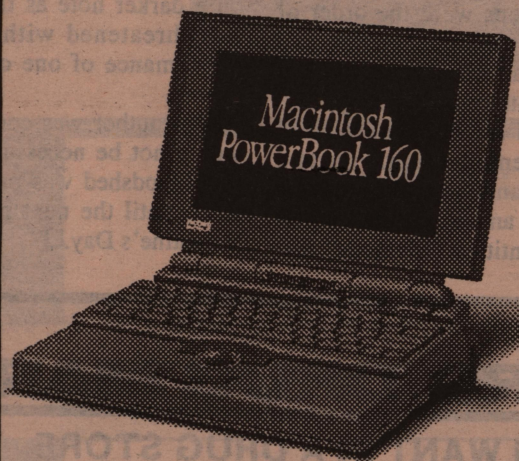
The wrangly students, all of whom were eager, excited and determined to find "those TOP SECRET papers," loved Calinda and the smelly, newsy feel to the office, and one even said she hopes to come back real soon.

The Whitehouse is a prominent UVic daycare where, quite likely, the hottest journalists of the next generation will originate. □

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• SPORTS •

Jeckyll and Hyde star on volleyball court

by Michael Lynn

The UVic Vikes men's volleyball team is still trying to find itself and come to grips with its very being.

Translation: they are working hard to shake the Jekyll and Hyde nature of their play.

Coach Paul Smith said he doesn't know which of his teams will come out to play. It could be the unimpressive team of last weekend, or the near giant killers who took the floor this weekend against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

This weekend the powerful Huskies were surprised and nearly upset by the upstart Vikes in two incredibly exciting matches at McKinnon Gym. Meanwhile, the women's team outlasted the Huskies in both matches to mark their first wins of the season.

The sport seems to be making a comeback at UVic, judging by the crowds of over 400 fans in attendance both nights.

Both men's and women's teams treated the audience to some very intense matches with the Huskies.

On Saturday night, the women's team boosted their confidence with their second win of the season, taking the match in the fifth set 15-11. The close match was a bit of a surprise to the Vikes after they had dominated their opponents the night before, downing the Huskies convincingly 3-1 in games.

Rookie setter Theresa Garthwaite picked apart the Huskies' defense with a potent setting strategy. Ingrid Tutt, Becky Lockhart, and Carli Richter each came up with some key kills to vault the Vike's into the win column after dropping their first two Canada West matches to the University of

British Columbia.

"The wins were a huge breakthrough for us," Vikes head coach Jill Fougner said after the game. "Especially winning that fifth game."

She said the team is slowly beginning to believe in themselves, and are developing a belief that they can win.

The men's team tried hard against a strong Huskies squad.

However they were unable to "get over the hump" of winning as the women did.

Both nights the Vikes backed the Huskies down with booming kills from both Ross McKeever (21, 25 kills) and Simon Bright (18, 27 kills).

The team showed its depth as Richard Chan, Todd Schroeder, and Jordan Highton played key roles off the bench both nights.

All of the Vikes had moments of glory, and the team at times dominated their opponents. However, they were unable to overcome what has been their nemesis this season: the rally point fifth set.

Both teams will be looking to surprise the University of Calgary squads when they face them Nov. 27 and 28 at McKinnon gym.

Vikes edged out in final

by Edward Sem

As the UVic Vikings men's soccer team headed into the Canada West final game against arch rival UBC Nov. 6, the Vikes were confident that they could pull off what would amount to an upset against the CIAU's number one team.

The Vikes confidence came from a very successful season including a win over the Thunderbirds earlier in the year.

In what turned out to be one of the most exciting games in recent CIAU memory, the Vikes were edged 3-2 Nov. 6, after overtime and penalty kicks. It was a disheartening loss for the Vikes, who proved that they would be a dominant force for years to come.

The first half was fast and furious as the Vikes totally dominated the play. Eddie Cocharane and Chris O'Hearn had great chances but could not manage to score. Finally, J.T. Attenbury scored on a corner kick giving the Vikes a 1-0 lead.

Head coach Bruce Wilson admitted the Vikes were confident going into the second half with the lead. With UVic up by one, UBC

came out hard to get the equalizer. But UVic was not about to roll over as they plugged away for an insurance marker.

In the 84th minute UBC struck a blow to the UVic hopes for a berth in the national final as one of the UBC strikers beat the defense and Shel Brodsgard to tie the game 1-1. However, the Vikes, in traditional fashion, did not beat themselves up over the

goal.

In the shootout UVic missed two and UBC one, relegating the game to sudden death. UBC managed to score, giving UBC the win and the right to represent the Canada West conference at the CIAU championships. UBC went on to win the national championships Nov. 14.

Unkind waters meet Viking rowers in U.S.

by Andrew Duffy

The water was not kind to UVic rowing crews in Portland last weekend.

The varsity eights had the tables turned on them by the University of Washington crews on the 7.5 km Willamette River course.

The weekend before, UVic crews dominated their American neighbours at the Head of Elk Lake Regatta.

After beating Washington by 15 seconds last week, the men's varsity crew were relegated to

second place 14 seconds back at Portland.

The women's crew was also dropped to second place, losing by one second, the exact margin of victory the Vikes had the previous weekend.

Bryn Thompson, a UVic student and member of Canada's 1992 World Junior Rowing Crew placed third in the men's double sculls with a time of 26:49.

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LECTURE

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PROFESSOR DAVID A. CAMPBELL will give an illustrated lecture entitled: "The seven wonders of the ancient world" at 8 p.m. in Cornett B108.

VOLUNTEER

BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS are needed. Next volunteer information night is at 7 p.m. in suite 103-3347 Oak Street, Victoria. Please pre-register, space is limited. For more info call 383-1191.

FRIDAY 27

LECTURE

BOB WALDON will speak on birds during this season. Information on feeders, seed, shelters, winter

nesting, the cold weather physiology of birds and unusual feeding habits will be available 7:30 p.m. in the Newcombe Theatre.

JEFFREY CHURCH presents a lecture on "Equilibrium foreclosure: the Complementary product case" at 3:30 p.m. in Cornett A317. Sponsored by the department of economics.

WORKSHOP

VIPIRG presents a workshop lead by Victoria Mayor David Turner on consensus and conflict resolution 2 - 4 p.m. in Clearihue C108.

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GUATEMALA: the student movement in the struggle for peace and justice. A slide presentation and discussion with participants of a recent student tour of Guatemala at 1:30 p.m. in Clearihue B415.

READING

P.K. PAGE, author of *The Glass Air* and *Brazilian Journal*, will be

reading at 12:30 p.m. in the fine arts building, room 103. Free and open to the public. Presented by the department of creative writing.

SATURDAY 28

BAZAAR

SPAY/NEUTER SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - crafts, baked goods, white elephant table, vegetarian luncheon, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Gordon Head United Church. All proceeds will go to our Spay/Neuter Fund.

MUSIC

CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES presents a performance by members of the School's performance faculty at 8 p.m. in the Philip T. Young recital hall. Performance includes: Haydn's Trio No. 1 in G, and Brahms Clarinet Quintet. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$6 for students.

SUNDAY 29

CRAFTS

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MONDAY 30

LECTURE

THREAT OF GLOBAL CORPORATIONS - film on "controlling interests" followed by a discussion by Dr. Frank Tester from UBC and Bill Fowler from Action Canada Network. Sponsored by the World Federalist, the Public Interest Research Group, and the Voice of Women. 7:30 p.m. in MacLaurin A144. For more info call 380-6420.

WEDNESDAY 2

ART

DRAWING THE LINE - a show of the Kiss and Tell Collective. Viewers are invited to engage in a dialogue with ourselves and with others, regarding the sexual borderlines and boundaries. Admission is free at 12 p.m. in Cinecenta.

THEATRE

THE THREE SISTERS by Chekhov is being performed at the Phoenix Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, at 8 p.m. each night. Students with I.D. will be admitted at half price (\$5.50) on Wednesdays. Call 721-8000 to reserve seats.

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GREATER VICTORIA YOUTH CHOIR will perform "Harmonies for the Holidays" on Saturday Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Metropolitan United Church. Tickets are \$5. For more info call 598-1588.

NANOOK OF THE NORTH will be presented at the noon film show on Dec. 3, from 12 - 1 p.m. in the Central Library multipurpose room. Admission is free and you can bring your lunch.

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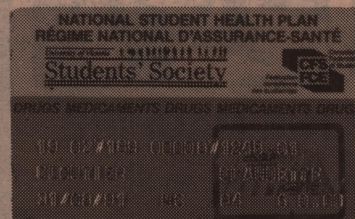
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WEDNESDAY

RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE, VIPIRG is meeting every week in Cinecenta at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

ACTION COMMITTEE ON DATE RAPE and dating violence will meet at 2:30 p.m. and Fridays at 12:30 p.m. in

the Women's Centre.

PRO-CHOICE ACTION NETWORK meets for weekly discussions and activist planning in SUB Room 137A at 3:30.

SCIENCE FICTION CLUB meets at 6 p.m., in Cle C118. Come out and show your fannish side.

THE EUTYCHUS SOCIETY - A Lutheran Christian Discussion Group-Meets 6:30-7:30 p.m. Praise and Worship, Singing 7-9 p.m. Bible Study and discussion at UVic Interfaith Chapel.

THURSDAY

UVIC P.C. CLUB - Get active in politics through us. Meetings are held at 3:30 p.m. in Cle C116. For further info contact Chuck Edgeworth 383-8359.

CLOSETS ARE FOR CLOTHES! LGBA (The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance) is your student-run homo and bi friendly place to be. Come drop by our Drop-In and Resource Centre hours: Come see us on Wed. or Thurs. from 12:30 - 2:30 in Room 137A of the SUB.

UVIC AIKIDO CLUB - meets mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30, both in the Apparatus gym of the McKinnon building.

UVIC N.D.P. CLUB meets at 7 p.m. in Cle C118. New members welcome! For further info please call Sabha at 721-2207.

FRIDAY

JESUS AT MIDNIGHT! Contemporary gospel music for worship. 10 p.m. at the Interfaith Chapel. Call Kelly 721-8338 for more info. Sponsored by University Christian Ministries.

CAMPUS ASSOCIATION FOR BAHAI STUDIES: Drop in between 2 and 4 p.m. in Cornett B107 for videos and relaxed conversation. Come to

our last get together this term on Dec. 4 to hear more about the Baha'i World congress in New York.

GENERAL

UPCOMING EVENTS: Tues. Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m., Cle C305: Pre-Xmas Anxiety? Mixed discussion and support group. Wed. Dec. 2, Noon: LGBA Presents "Drawing the Line." Thurs. Dec 3, 12:30 p.m. Monthly General Meeting. Same Day: Gala Semester end Potluck Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Also: Registration on now for Gay Men's WENLDO self-defense classes in January. For more info, call LGBA at 595-5986 (Main) or 384-2562 (Brian).

CROATION STUDENTS ASSOCIATION CSA is an organization dedicated to promoting Croation culture and language, and discussion of issues affecting Croations. We are currently organizing Croation language courses for event, and exchange programs with Croation universities, lecture and social events. If you are interested in CSA please call John Bevanda 598-5893 or Robert Rubido 477-5096.

AIIESEC - The International Association for Students in Economics, Commerce, and Computer Science. Any student can join regardless of major. AIIESEC is a non-profit, apolitical student organization. For more information call 477-9680 or 721-9502 or drop a note in our mailbox (in the SUB, next to the UVSS resource room).

GENERIC TWELVE STEPS - persons interested in forming a generic 12 step meeting, open to A.A.'s, N.A.'s, O.A.'s, A.C.A.'s, E.A.'s, etc., for the fall semester, please call Bill at 595-3676.

Interested in joining the paintball club? Paintball is a sport that helps promote physical fitness, confidence, quick thinking and endurance. For more info call 381-4263 or 592-1517 and ask for Norm, Rob, or Simon.

UVic Alumni Association Award(s) for Excellence in Teaching

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In 1993, the Alumni Association of the University of Victoria will present up to three awards for excellence in teaching, without regard to area. Nominees must be either regular faculty members or sessional lecturers who have completed three years of teaching duties at UVic, and must have been properly nominated.

Nominations may be made by alumni, students and faculty. A nine member Teaching Award Selection Committee evaluates the nominations. The committee is equally composed of alumni, students and faculty, and chaired by the Vice-President Academic and Provost.

The Award(s) will be announced and presented at the UVic Alumni Association Annual General Meeting in May and the recipient(s) honoured at the Awards Recognition Ceremony the following January.

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Deadline for nominations is January 29, 1993



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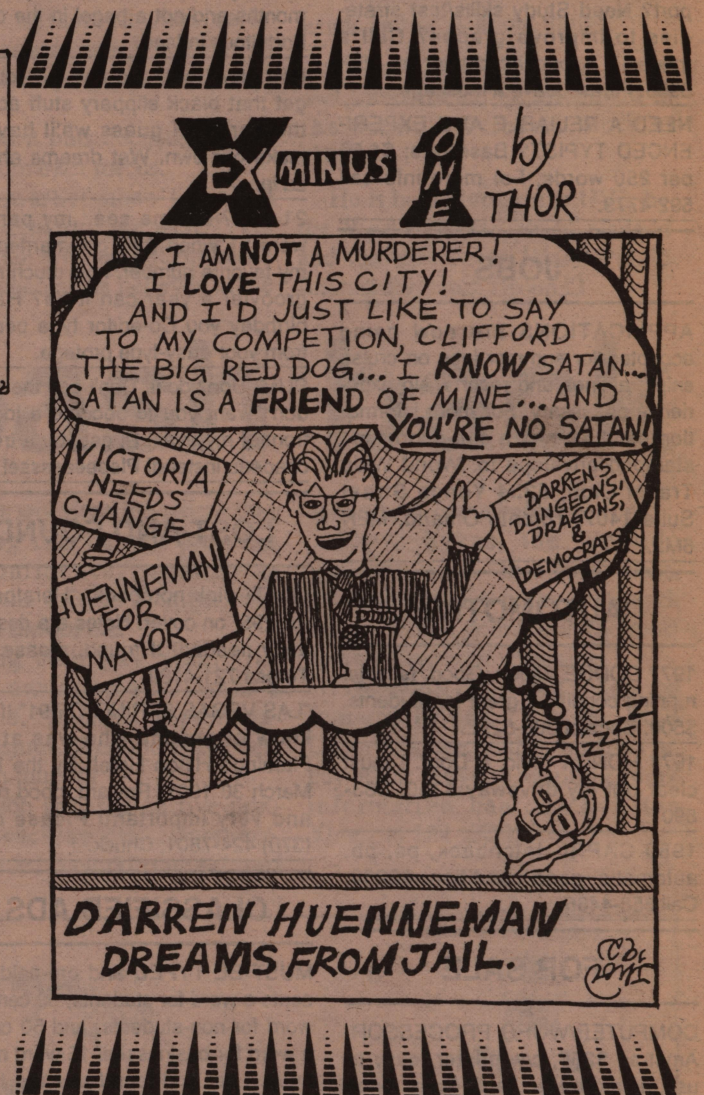
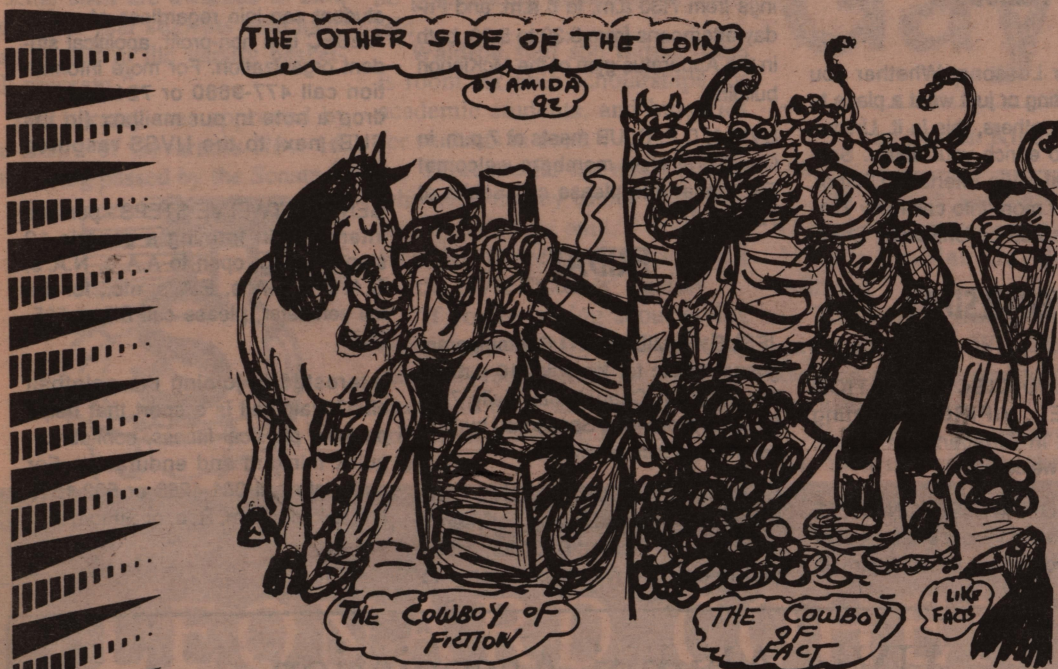
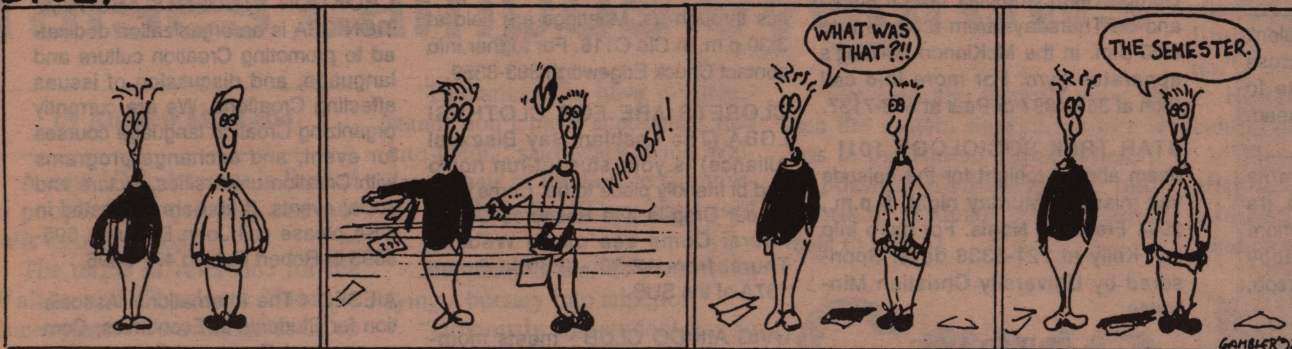
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